

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the fourth full paragraph, lines 7-8, on Page 4 to read as follows. Marked up copies of the original paragraphs are enclosed at the back of this response.:

Figure 4a shows the lengthwise (partial) sectional view, along a plane indicated by the A-A line in Figure 1; Figure 4b shows the lengthwise (full) sectional view thereof.

Please amend the first full paragraph on Page 5, lines 2-5 to read as follows:

At the end of an upright leg (10a) of the inverted "Y" extension, a part in the shape of an upside-down plate (13) is located which is permanently fixed to the working element 16, by vertical blades (23). This part has a central ring shaped projection (14), which is used for engagement to the leg (10a) and being slidable thereover. Between the plate (13) and the converging legs 10b and 10c of the "Y", there is a pressure spring.

Between the third and fourth full paragraphs of Page 5, Line 18, insert the following new paragraph:

The thermostatic valve operates in conventional fashion. The pressure spring 25 pushes the plate 13 upwardly to keep the working element 16, attached to the plate 13 by vertical blades 23, in the closed position, when an engine is cold. When the engine reaches its working temperature, the working element overcomes the pressure spring bias, moving downwardly both the plate 13 and projection 14 which slide down over the leg 10a, allowing fluid to flow through the thermostatic valve device.